

## SOME ROYAL GHOSTS

SPECTERS THAT PROWL ABOUT OLD COUNTRY PALACES.

Queen Elizabeth Has a Weakness For Windsor and Catherine of Aragon For Hampton Court—Prussia's White Lady.

The report that Queen Elizabeth has again been seen promenading the library of Windsor castle reminds one of the curious fact that, with but one solitary exception, these restless royalties who cannot sleep peacefully in their graves are women.

It is some years now since Queen Bess was last caught in the act of revisiting her old palace at Windsor, and the circumstances were these: A young officer of the guards was reading one evening in the library when he saw a woman, clad from head to heels in black, walk slowly across the library and pass into an adjacent room. The officer, moved by curiosity at such an unexpected sight, followed the lady and to his amazement found that she had vanished as completely from view as if the floor had swallowed her, and this although the only exit from the room was the one through which he had followed her.

Why the wandering lady should on such slight evidence be identified as Elizabeth of glorious memory is not made clear, but at Windsor castle it is firmly believed that Anne Boleyn's daughter still tapers a suit of rooms adjacent to the library.

Hampton Court palace is richer than the castle of Windsor in royal spooks. Catherine of Aragon, in spite of her not too pleasant memories of her husband, Henry VIII., is said still to walk in black attire, taper in hand, down one of the staircases and to disappear through the "Queen's gate," and, more disconcerting still, Henry's second Catherine has, so they say, been seen rushing along a corridor with streeping hair and white apparel, closely pursued by equally unsubstantial soldiers bent on capturing her.

This is supposed to be a re-enactment of a scene which actually took place not many days before Catherine Howard's death on Tower hill in 1542. The unhappy queen, who was then a prisoner in a room adjoining the long gallery, escaped from her guards and rushed away to throw herself at the feet of her royal husband and beg for mercy. She was pursued by her guards, who caught her at the door of the chapel where Henry was praying and dragged her back again to her prison chamber.

Ill fated Anne Boleyn does not seem to have ended her troubles on the block at the Tower, for has she not been seen driving down the avenue of Bliekley park behind four headless horses, driven by an equally incomplete coachman? And fair Rosamond seems doomed to walk o' nights along the river bank at Godstone, awaiting her royal lover, who never keeps his tryst.

But English royalties have by no means a monopoly of postmortem perambulation. There is a certain beautiful white lady, very fair and queenly, who is said to haunt the rooms and corridors of the castle of Schonbrunn. Fair as the vision is, her appearances are never welcome, for they are said always to herald a death in the imperial family of Austria. She was seen in 1887 just before Maximilian, emperor of Mexico and brother of the Austrian emperor, was foully murdered and again before the deaths of Archduke Rudolph and his mother, the beautiful empress.

The royal house of Prussia also has its "white lady," who is only seen in the palace at Berlin before the death of some member of the reigning family. Unlike her sister of Schonbrunn castle, however, the white lady of Germany is said to be ill favored, if not downright repulsive, and instead of torch or scepter she carries in her hand a common or domestic broom; hence she has been irreverently christened "the sweeper."

There are white ladies attached to other European courts, notably that of Hesse-Darmstadt, the lady who inspired Wagner's "Lohengrin," but the odddest of all these royal wraiths is certainly the red man who confines his patronage to the royalties of France. He used to dog the steps of Catherine de Medici, wife of one French king, and of three, along the corridors of the Tuilleries; he had a long life, so it is chronicled, with the exception before he started on his Russian campaign, and it has been through not following the doctor's advice that Napoleon had his sorry home coming. And it is said that he was seen by the Emperor Napoleon shortly before disaster overtook the house of Napoleon.

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## THE OTHER MAN'S PLACE.

A Little Lesson on the Policy of Charity For All.

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At the next corner another man came aboard and took my place on the platform, while I went inside the car. The conductor, well forward in the car, saw me come in and supposed I was the man who had just boarded the car. Presently he came back to me and requested my fare.

"I paid my fare," said I. He looked doubtfully at me a moment. I didn't like it a bit. I thought I had suffered enough through being compelled to wait so long for the car; it seemed like rubbing it in to have the conductor now stand there and by his manner plainly tell my fellow passengers that I was a five cent thief.

"I paid my fare to you on the platform when I came aboard," I said. Then he thought he had me.

"I ain't been on the platform since you came aboard," he answered confidently.

Now, right here is where Lincoln came in and kept me from making a fool of myself.

"With malice toward none, with charity for all," said the great, good man, at a time, too, when he himself was the target for more shafts of malice than have ever been buried by Americans at any other American. And the echo of the words turned my anger into charity.

I had only to put myself in the conductor's place (and that of itself is charity) to see that he had some reason for doubting me. I had only to recall to mind that inspectors and spotters are watching him and that if he misses a fare he may be thought to have stolen it.

With malice toward none, with charity for all, I smiled and took him in a friendly way by the arm. Leading him to the door, I said:

"If that man in the brown derby doesn't pay the missing fare I will."

The conductor opened the door, and the man in the brown derby hat passed up his nickel.

Then the conductor came back to me and made a manful apology, and with a touch of that greatness which I had borrowed from Lincoln for the moment I eased the poor conductor's manifest embarrassment by telling him in all sincerity that his mistake was a perfectly natural one; that had I been in his place I should probably have made it just as he did and finally that nobody but a very foolish man would take offense at it.

Yet, dear reader, I don't mind confiding to you that I came all fired near to being that very foolish man.

So by the aid of that momentarily borrowed greatness I made a friend instead of an enemy—two friends. I may almost say, for I was on much more friendly terms with myself than I should have been if I had let my uncharitable passions rise.

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